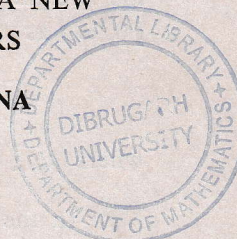


APPROXIMATION OF FUNCTIONS ON  $[0, \infty]$  BY A NEW SEQUENCE OF MODIFIED SZÁSZ OPERATORS

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ABSTRACT

Here we define a new sequence of linear positive operators by modifying Szász operators with the weight function of Lupas operators on  $L_1 [0, \infty)$ , the space of integrable functions defined on  $[0, \infty)$  as

$$(G_{n,t}f)(x) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) f(x+y) dy,$$

where  $p_{n,k}(v) = e^{-nv} \frac{(nv)^k}{k!}$  and  $P_{n,k}(v) = \binom{n+k-1}{k} v^k (1+v)^{-n-k}$ .

The present paper is a study of some results on approximation by these operators. In brief, we quote a few results as follows :

Let  $d^r f(x+t)/dt^r$  be continuous on  $[0, a]$ ,  $d^r(G_{n,t}f)(x)/dt^r$  converges uniformly to  $f^{(r)}(x+t)$  on  $[0, a]$  and if  $f$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$  then

$$\| (G_{n,t}f)(x) - f(x+t) \|_{C[0,a]} \leq \left\{ 1 + \frac{2n(1+(n+3)a+3(n+1)a^2)}{(n-2)(n-3)} \right\}$$

$\omega(f; n^{-1/2})$ , where  $\omega(f; \cdot)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f$ .

Further, we prove that if  $f \in L_1 [0, \infty)$ ,  $G_{n,t}f$  converges almost everywhere to  $f$ .

Introduction

Singh [ 1982 ] and Lupas [ Papanicolan ( 1975 ) ] had defined families of linear positive operators mapping  $C[0, \infty)$  into  $C[0, \infty)$ , the class of all bounded and continuous functions respectively as

$$(S_{n,t}f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-nt} \frac{(nt)^k}{k!} f\left(x + \frac{k}{n}\right) \tag{1.1}$$

and

$$(L_{n,t}f)(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+k-1}{k} t^k (1+t)^{-n-k} f\left(x + \frac{k}{n}\right), \tag{1.2}$$

where  $t; x \in [0, \infty)$  and  $x$  is fixed.

Motivated by the recent work of Derrienic [ 1981 ] on modified Bernstein Polynomials introduced by Durrmeyer [ 1967 ], we define a new

family of positive linear operators, by modifying Sza'sz operators with the weight function of Lupas operators, for functions integrable on  $[0, \infty)$  as

$$(G_{n, t} f)(x) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) f(x+y) dy, \quad (1.3)$$

where  $p_{n, k}(v) = e^{-nv} \frac{(nv)^k}{k!}$  and  $P_{n, k}(v) = \left(\frac{n+k-1}{k}\right) v^k (1+v)^{-n-k}$ .

In the present paper, we study some results analogous to those in [2] on approximation by these operators.

Throughout our discussion, the superscript  $(r)$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  stand for the  $r$ th derivative of the function involved and sup norm on  $[0, \infty)$  respectively.

2. First, we prove certain lemmas which will be used in the sequel.

For  $m \in N^0$  (set of nonnegative integers), the  $m$ th order moment of the operators in (1.1) is defined by

$$U_{n, m}(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \left(\frac{k}{n} - t\right)^m.$$

LEMMA 1. There holds the recurrence relation

$$nU_{n, m+1}(t) = t[U_{n, m}^{(1)}(t) + mU_{n, m-1}(t)].$$

*Proof.* It is easily observed that

$$t p_{n, k}^{(1)}(t) = (k - nt) p_{n, k}(t). \quad (2.1)$$

Hence the result.

Consequently,

(a)  $U_{n, m}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $\leq m$ ;

(b)  $U_{n, m}(t) = 0 \left( n^{-[\frac{m+1}{2}]} \right)$ , where  $[x]$  stands for the integral part

of  $x$ .

LEMMA 2. The operator  $(G_{n, t} f)(x)$  is a linear positive operator which maps 1 into 1 and transforms a polynomial of degree  $m$  into a polynomial of degree  $m$ .

*Proof.* Clearly, the operator  $(G_{n, t} f)(x)$  is linear, positive and maps 1 into 1.

To prove the last assertion, without any loss of generality we can consider the polynomial as  $f(y) = (y-x)^m$ . Since

$$\int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) y^m dy = \frac{(m+k)! (n-m-2)!}{k! (n-1)!},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{n,t}(y-x)^m)(x) &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_{n,k}(t) \frac{(m+k)! (n-m-2)!}{k! (n-1)!} \\ &= \frac{(n-m-2)!}{(n-2)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \frac{(m+k)!}{k!}. \end{aligned}$$

For all  $t, y \in [0, \infty)$

$$\frac{\partial^m}{\partial t^m} (t^m e^{-n(y-t)}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} e^{-ny} \frac{(nt)^k}{k!} \frac{(m+k)!}{k!}. \quad (2.3)$$

Applying Leibnitz theorem in the left part of (2.3), we get

$$\sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} \frac{m!}{i!} t^i n^i e^{-n(y-t)}. \quad (2.4)$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $t$  in (2.3) and (2.4), it follows that

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \frac{(m+k)!}{k!} = \sum_{i=0}^m \binom{m}{i} \frac{m!}{i!} t^i n^i. \quad (2.5)$$

Now, combining (2.2) and (2.5), we obtain the required result.

Further, we observe that

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{n,t}(y-x-t))(x) &= \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) (k+1) - t = \frac{nt+1}{n-2} - t \\ &= \frac{(1+2t)}{(n-2)}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.6)$$

LEMMA 3. Let the  $m$ th order moment for the operators  $(G_{n,t}f)(x)$  be defined by

$$T_{n,m}(t) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) (y-t)^m dy.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} (n-m-2)T_{n,m+1}(t) &= (m+1)(2t+1)T_{n,m}^{(1)}(t) + tT_{n,m}^{(1)}(t) \\ &\quad + mt(2+t)T_{n,m-1}(t). \end{aligned} \quad (2.7)$$

*Proof.* Using (2.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} tT_{n,m}^{(1)}(t) &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k-nt)p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) (y-t)^m dy - mtT_{n,m-1}(t) \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} (k-ny)P_{n,k}(y) (y-t)^m dy + nT_{n,m+1}(t) \\ &\quad - mtT_{n,m-1}(t) \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} y(1+y)P_{n,k}^{(1)}(y) (y-t)^m dy + nT_{n,m+1}(t) \\ &\quad - mtT_{n,m-1}(t) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} \{(y-t)^2 + (2t+1)(y-t) + t\}(1+t)^k \\
&\quad P_{n,k}^{(1)}(y)(y-t)^m dy + nT_{n,m+1}(t) - mt T_{n,m-1}(t) \\
&= -(m+2)T_{n,m+1}(t) - (2t+1)(m+1)T_{n,m}(t) \\
&\quad - mt(1+t)T_{n,m-1}(t) + nT_{n,m+1}(t) - mt T_{n,m-1}(t).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the lemma.

From (2.7) we conclude the following :

- (a)  $T_{n,m}(t)$  is a polynomial in  $t$  of degree  $m$  ;  
 (b)  $T_{n,m}(t) = 0 \left( n^{-\lfloor \frac{m+1}{2} \rfloor} \right)$  ; and  
 (c)  $T_{n,2}(t) = \frac{6(n+1)t^2 + 2(n+3)t + 2}{(n-2)(n-3)}$ , (in view of (2.6)).

LEMMA 4. There exists the polynomials  $q_{i,j,r}(t)$  independent of  $n$  and  $k$ , such that

$$t^r \frac{d^r}{dt^r} \{e^{-nt}(nt)^k\} = \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i, j \geq 0}} n^i (k-nt)^j q_{i,j,r}(t) e^{-nt}(nt)^k.$$

The proof of this lemma proceeds exactly on the lines of that of a result by Lorentz [ Derrienic (1981) ]

3. THEOREM 1. Let  $f \in C(0, \infty)$ , then

$$\|(G_{n,t}f)(x) - f(x+t)\| \leq \left\{ 1 + \frac{2n(1+(n+3)a+3(n+1)a^2)}{(n-2)(n-3)} \right\} \omega(f; n^{-1/2})$$

where  $\omega(f; \cdot)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f$ .

This theorem can easily be proved by using Lemma 3(c) and following a result due to Mond (1976).

THEOREM 2. Let  $f$  be integrable on  $(0, \infty)$  and  $f^{(1)} \in C[0, a]$ .

Then

$$\|(G_{n,t}f)(x) - f(x+t)\| \leq T_n \{ \|f^{(1)}\| + 2\omega(f^{(1)}; T_n) \},$$

where  $T_n = \|G_{n,t}(y-x-t)^2(x)\|^{1/2}$  and  $\omega(f^{(1)}; \cdot)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $f^{(1)}$ .

The proof of this theorem, being on the lines of that of Censor (1971), is omitted.

THEOREM 3. Let  $f$  be bounded and integrable on  $[0, \infty)$  and  $f^{(2)}$  exists at a point  $x+t \in [0, \infty)$ , then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n[(G_{n,t}f)(x) - f(x+t)] = (1+2t)f^{(1)}(x+t) + t(t+3)f^{(2)}(x+t).$$

Further, this limit holds uniformly if  $f^{(2)}$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$ .

*Proof.* By Taylor's expansion

$$f(y) = f(x+t) + (y-x-t)f^{(1)}(x+t) + \frac{(y-x-t)^2}{2}f^{(2)}(x+t) + \varepsilon(y-x-t)(y-x-t)^2,$$

where  $\varepsilon(y-x-t)$  is a bounded and integrable function on  $[-x-t, \infty)$  tending to zero as  $y \rightarrow x+t$ .

Using (2.6) and Lemma 3(c), we have

$$n[(G_{n,t}f)(x) - f(x+t)] = n \left\{ \frac{(1+2t)}{(n-2)} f^{(1)}(x+t) + \frac{6(n+1)t^2 + 2(n+3)t + 2}{2(n-2)(n-3)} f^{(2)}(x+t) \right\} + E(n,t),$$

where

$$E(n,t) = n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t)(y-t)^2 dy. \quad (3.1)$$

Therefore to prove the result it is sufficient to show that  $E(n,t) \rightarrow 0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\varepsilon(y-t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow t$ , for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\varepsilon(y-t)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $0 < |y-t| < \delta$ .

Let  $\phi_{\delta}(y)$  be the characteristic function of  $y \in (t-\delta, t+\delta)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} |E(n,t)| &\leq n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \left\{ \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t) \phi_{\delta}(y) (y-t)^2 dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) |\varepsilon(y-t)| (1 - \phi_{\delta}(y)) (y-t)^2 dy \right\} \\ &= I_1 + I_2 \text{ (say).} \end{aligned}$$

Evidently, in view of Lemma 3(b)

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &< \varepsilon n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) (y-t)^2 dy \\ &= \varepsilon \cdot 0(1) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &\leq M n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) \frac{(y-t)^{2q}}{\delta^{2q-2}} dy; \quad q \text{ (integer)} \geq 2 \\ &= O(n^{-(q-1)}), \quad M = \sup_{u \in [-t, \infty)} |\varepsilon(u)|. \end{aligned}$$

combining the estimates of  $I_1$  and  $I_2$ , due to the arbitrariness of  $\varepsilon > 0$  it follows that  $E(n,t) \rightarrow 0$  for sufficiently large  $n$ .

To prove the uniformity assertion, since  $f^{(2)}$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$ , we have

$$|\varepsilon(y-t)| \leq \omega(f^{(2)}; |y-t|) \leq \left(1 + \frac{|y-t|}{\delta}\right) \omega(f^{(2)}; \delta)$$

for all  $\delta > 0$

using the above inequality in (3.1), we get

$$\begin{aligned} |E(n, t)| &\leq n(n-1)\omega(f^{(2)}; \delta) \left[ \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) \{y-t\}^2 dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{1}{\delta} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) |y-t|^3 dy \right] \\ &= I_3 + I_4 \text{ (let).} \end{aligned}$$

Let us estimate  $I_4$  first.

Application of Schwartz's inequality for summation and integral and Lemma 3(b) leads to

$$\begin{aligned} I_4 &\leq n(n-1) \frac{\omega(f^{(2)}; \delta)}{\delta} \left\{ \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) \{y-t\}^2 dy \right)^{1/2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) \{y-t\}^4 dy \right)^{1/2} \right\} \\ &= \omega(f^{(2)}; \delta) O(n^{-1/2} \cdot \delta^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Further, use of Lemma 3(b) yields

$$I_3 = \omega(f^{(2)}; \delta) \cdot O(1).$$

Now, choosing  $\delta = n^{-1/2}$  and noting that in view of Lemma 3(a) the moments for the operators  $G_{n, t}$  are polynomials in  $t$ , we obtain

$$|E(n, t)| \leq M_1 \omega(f^{(2)}; n^{-1/2}).$$

The proof is complete.

*Theorem 4.* Let  $f$  be a bounded and integrable function on  $[0, \infty)$  admitting a derivative of order  $r$  at  $x+t \in [0, \infty)$ .

Then

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (G_{n, t}^{(r)} f)(x) = f^{(r)}(x+t).$$

*Proof.* Application of Leibnitz theorem yields

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{n, t}^{(r)} f)(x) &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{d^r}{dt^r} \left\{ e^{-nt} \frac{(nt)^k}{k!} \right\} \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) f(x+y) dy \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{i=0}^r \sum_{k=i}^{\infty} \binom{r}{i} \frac{(-1)^{r-i} n^r e^{-nt} (nt)^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k}(y) f(x+y) dy \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{r}{i} (-1)^{r-i} n^r P_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n, k+i}(y) f(x+y) dy \\ &= (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} (-1)^r \left( \sum_{i=0}^r \binom{r}{i} (-1)^i n^r P_{n, k+i}(y) \right) \\ &\quad f(x+y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Since by Leibnitz theorem

$$P_{n-r, k+r}^{(r)}(y) = \frac{(n-1)!}{(n-r-1)!} \sum_{i=0}^r (-1)^i \binom{r}{i} P_{n, k+i}(y).$$

Therefore,

$$(G_{n,t}^{(r)} f)(x) = \frac{n^r (n-r-1)!}{(n-2)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} (-1)^r P_{n-r, k+r}^{(r)}(y) f(x+y) dy.$$

Now, by Taylor's expansion of the function  $f$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f(y) &= \sum_{i=0}^r \frac{(y-x-t)^i}{i!} - f^{(i)}(x+t) + \varepsilon(y-x-t)(y-x-t)^r \\ &= R(y) + \varepsilon(y-x-t)(y-x-t)^r \quad (\text{say}), \end{aligned}$$

where  $\varepsilon(y-x-t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow x+t$  and is a bounded and integrable function on  $(-x-t, \infty)$ .

On integrating  $r$  times by parts, we obtain

$$(G_{n,t}^{(r)} R)(x) = \frac{n^r (n-r-1)!}{(n-2)!} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} p_{n-r, k+r}(y) R^{(r)}(x+y) dy$$

clearly

$$R^{(r)}(x+y) = f^{(r)}(x+t).$$

Hence

$$(G_{n,t}^{(r)} R)(x) = \frac{n^r (n-r-2)!}{(n-2)!} f^{(r)}(x+t) \rightarrow f^{(r)}(x+t)$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Now, it remains to show that

$$(G_{n,t}^{(r)} (f-R))(x) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty,$$

where  $(f-R)(y) = \varepsilon(y-x-t)(y-x-t)^r$ .

Applying Lemma 4, we get

$$\begin{aligned} t^r (G_{n,t}^{(r)} (f-R))(x) &= (n-1) \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i, j \geq 0}} n^i q_{i,j,r}(t) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k-nt)^j p_{n,k}(t) \\ &\quad \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t)(y-t)^r dy. \end{aligned}$$

By using Schwartz inequality for summation and integral, we have

$$\begin{aligned} I \equiv |t^r (G_{n,t}^{(r)} (f-R))(x)| &\leq M_2 (n-1) \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i, j \geq 0}} n^i \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (k-nt)^{2j} p_{n,k}(t) \right)^{1/2} \\ &\quad \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t)(y-t)^r dy \right)^2 \right)^{1/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\varepsilon(y-t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $y \rightarrow t$ , hence for a given  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\varepsilon(y-t)| < \varepsilon$  whenever  $|y-t| < \delta$ . For  $|y-t| \geq \delta$ , the boundedness of  $\varepsilon(y-t)$  implies

$$|\varepsilon(y-t)| \leq \frac{M_3}{\delta} |y-t|, \quad M_3 = \sup_{u \in [-t, \infty)} |\varepsilon(u)|. \quad (3.2)$$

Thus, finally we obtain

$$\{\varepsilon(y-t)^2 < \varepsilon^2 + \frac{M_3^2}{\delta^2} (y-t)^2 \text{ for all } y \in [0, \infty).\}$$

Therefore, using Schwartz inequality and (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left( \int_0^\infty P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t) (y-t)^r dy \right)^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n-1} \int_0^\infty P_{n,k}(y) \{ \varepsilon^2 (y-t)^{2r} + \frac{M_3^2}{\delta^2} (y-t)^{2r+2} \} dy. \end{aligned}$$

Now, using Lemma 3(b), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=0}^\infty p_{n,k}(t) \left( \int_0^\infty P_{n,k}(y) \varepsilon(y-t) (y-t)^r dy \right)^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{k=0}^\infty p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^\infty P_{n,k}(y) \{ \varepsilon^2 (y-t)^{2r} + \frac{M_3^2}{\delta^2} (y-t)^{2r+2} \} dy \\ & = \varepsilon^2 O(n^{-(r+2)}). \end{aligned}$$

Lastly, using Lemma 1(b)

$$\begin{aligned} I & \leq M_2(n-1) \sum_{\substack{2i+j \leq r \\ i, j \geq 0}} O\left(n^{i+\left(\frac{j}{2}\right)}\right) \cdot \varepsilon O(n^{-(r+2j/2)}) \\ & \leq M_4 \varepsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Due to the arbitrariness of  $\varepsilon > 0$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$  for sufficiently large  $n$ . This completes the proof.

*Theorem 5.* If  $f^{(r)}(x+t)$  is continuous on  $[0, a]$ ,  $(G_{n,t}^{(r)} f)(x)$  converges uniformly to  $f^{(r)}(x+t)$  and

$$\left\| \frac{(n-2)!}{n^r(n-r-2)!} (G_{n,t}^{(r)} f)(x) - f^{(r)}(x+t) \right\| \leq k_r \omega(f^{(r)}; n^{-1/2}), \quad (3.3)$$

where  $k_r$  is a constant independent of  $f$  and  $n$  and  $\omega(f^{(r)}; \cdot)$  is the modulus of continuity of  $r$ th derivative of  $f$ .

*Proof.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} (G_{n,t}^{(r)} f)(x) &= \frac{n^r (n-r-1)!}{(n-2)!} \sum_{k=0}^\infty P_{n,k}(t) \int_0^\infty (-1)^r P_{n-r, k+r}^{(r)}(y) f(x+y) dy \\ &= \frac{n^r (n-r-1)!}{(n-2)!} \sum_{k=0}^\infty p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^\infty P_{n-r, k+r}^{(r)}(y) f(x+y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, by using Schwartz inequality for summation and integral and Lemma 3(b), we get

$$\left| \frac{(n-2)!}{n^r(n-r-2)!} G_{n,t}^{(r)} f(x) - f^{(r)}(x+t) \right|$$



$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq (n-r-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n-r,k+r}(y) |f^{(r)}(x+y) - f^{(r)}(x+t)| dy \\
&\leq \omega(f^{(r)}; \delta) (n-r-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n-r,k+r}(y) \left(1 + \frac{|y-t|}{\delta}\right) dy \\
&\leq \omega(f^{(r)}; \delta) \left[1 + \frac{\sqrt{n-r-1}}{\delta} \left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(t) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n-r,k+r}(y) (y-t)^2 dy\right)^{1/2}\right] \\
&\leq \omega(f^{(r)}; \delta) \left[1 + \frac{1}{\delta} O(n^{-1/2})\right].
\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $\delta = n^{-1/2}$ , (3.3) follows.

The convergence of  $(G_{n,t}^{(r)} f)(x)$  to  $f^{(r)}(x+t)$  is uniform, since  $f^{(r)}(x+t)$  is bounded on  $[0, a]$  and

$$\frac{(n-2)!}{n^r(n-r-2)!} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

**THEOREM 6.** Let  $f$  be an integrable function on  $[0, \infty)$ . Then, the sequence  $G_{n,t} f$  converges to  $f$  almost everywhere.

*Proof.* Let  $F(x+y) = \int_0^y f(x+u) du$ , then  $F'(x+y) = f(x+y)$

almost everywhere in  $(0, \infty)$ . Let  $a \in (0, \infty)$  where  $F'(x+a) = f(x+a)$ . Now in order to prove the theorem, it is sufficient to show that  $(G_{n,a} f)(x)$  converges to  $f(x+a)$ .

For all  $k$ ,  $0 \leq k < \infty$ , the product  $P'_{n,k}(y)F(x+y)$  is absolutely continuous and because  $F'(x+y) = f(x+y)$  almost everywhere we have for all  $t \in [0, \infty]$ :

$$P_{n,k}(t)F(x+t) = \int_0^t P'_{n,k}(y)F(x+y) dy + \int_0^t P_{n,k}(y)f(x+y) dy. \quad (3.4)$$

Hence

$$(G_{n,a} f)(x) = -(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(a) \int_0^{\infty} P'_{n,k}(y)F(x+y) dy. \quad (3.5)$$

The function  $F$  being differentiable at  $x+a$ , we have

$$F(x+y) = F(x+a) + (y-a)F'(x+a) + (y-a)\varepsilon(y-a),$$

where  $\varepsilon(u) \rightarrow 0$  as  $u \rightarrow 0$  and  $\varepsilon(u)$  is bounded. We put

$$M = \sup_{[-a, \infty]} |\varepsilon(y-a)|.$$

Using (3.4) in (3.5), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
(G_{n,a} f)(x) &= (n-1)e^{-na} F(x+a) - (n-1)ae^{-na} F'(x+a) + F'(x+a) \\
&\quad - (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(a) \int_0^{\infty} P'_{n,k}(y)(y-a)\varepsilon(y-a) dy.
\end{aligned}$$

Now, to show that  $(G_{n,a} f)(x)$  converges to  $f(x+a)$ , it is sufficient to prove that

$$R_n(a) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(a) \int_0^{\infty} P'_{n,k}(y)(y-a)\varepsilon(y-a) dy \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

On utilizing

$$P'_{n,k}(y) = n[P_{n+1,k-1}(y) - P_{n+1,k}(y)]$$

in  $R_n(a)$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} R_n(a) &= n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k}(a) \int_0^{\infty} [P_{n+1,k-1}(y) - P_{n+1,k}(y)](y-a) \varepsilon(y-a) dy \\ &= n(n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (p_{n,k+1}(a) - p_{n,k}(a)) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a) \varepsilon(y-a) dy. \end{aligned}$$

Further simplification leads us to

$$aR_n(a) = (n-1) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a)(na - (k+1)) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a) \varepsilon(y-a) dy.$$

Using Schwartz's inequality for summation, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} (aR_n(a))^2 &\leq (n-1)^2 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a)(na - (k+1))^2 \\ &\quad \times \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a) \varepsilon(y-a) dy \right)^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now, using Schwartz's inequality for integral

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a) \varepsilon(y-a) dy \right)^2 \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y) dy \right) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \left[ \int_{|y-a| < \delta} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \int_{|y-a| \geq \delta} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \right] \\ &= I_1 + I_2, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} I_1 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \int_{|y-a| < \delta} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \\ &< \varepsilon^2 \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 dy \\ &= \varepsilon^2 O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right), \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_2 &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \int_{|y-a| \geq \delta} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^2 (\varepsilon(y-a))^2 dy \\ &\leq \frac{M^2}{n\delta^2} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n,k+1}(a) \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1,k}(y)(y-a)^4 dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\delta^2} O\left(\frac{1}{n^4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k+1}(a) \left( \int_0^{\infty} P_{n+1, k}(y)(y-a)(\varepsilon(y-a)) dy \right)^2 \\ = \left( \varepsilon^3 + \frac{1}{n\delta^2} \right) O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right) \\ = \varepsilon^2 O\left(\frac{1}{n^3}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Also, by Lemma 1

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k}(t)(k-nt)^2 = nt(1+t),$$

so  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{n, k+1}(a)(na - (k+1))^2$  is bounded uniformly in  $n$ .

Hence, for sufficiently large  $n$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have

$$aR_n(a) \leq K\varepsilon,$$

where  $K$  is a constant independent of  $n$  and  $\varepsilon$ .

This completes the proof.

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